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SENT FAX AND REGULAR MAIL

Patrick Leopold, Campaign Finance Analyst
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799 E Street, NW
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Re: Ben Chandler (KY-6)
Identification Number: C00393512

Dear Mr. Leopold:

I am writing in response to your letter of February 17, 2004 concerning whether several contributions in our 12-Day Pre-General Report (10/1/03-1/28/04) were excessive.

Upon review, it appears that all contributions were legal and proper, but rather there was an error in the software used to file our report electronically. While the individual names of each contribution were properly listed, it seems that the software coding failed to distinguish between 'special election primary' and 'special election general' contributions. All of the itemized contributions were for both the special election general campaign and special election primary debt retirement. As such, our software vendor, NGP, is filing an amended report to correct this issue by the close of business on March 18, 2004, the deadline for response in your letter.

Also, our campaign is currently filing an amended committee organization statement, naming me as the campaign's official treasurer. Previously, I was listed as the assistant treasurer. I also hold the position of campaign manager.

We greatly appreciate the assistance you provided to our attorney, Franklin Jelsma, in helping us resolve this matter. I assume the amended filing is all your agency requires of us to correct this problem. However, please do contact me at our office (859-225-0546) or on my cell phone (502-418-6499) or by e-mail (mark@chandlerforcongress.org), should you need any additional information from us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Nicholas".

Mark Nicholas
Campaign Manager and Treasurer
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